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THE FLAG*

of mistake was removed. About six
o'clock in the
evening the sun showed itself for a
moment before
disappearing below the waves,

On the 21st of September it set
exactly in the
west, and on the 13th of October,
twenty-three
days after the equinox, it set a little
above in the
southern hemisphere. Just at that
moment the
fog lifted, and Fritz could see the sun
drawing near
to the horizon. Ten minutes later its
fiery disk
was flush with the line of sky and sea.

" That is the north, over there ! "
said Fritz,
pointing with his hand to a point
rather to the
left of that on which the boat was
headed.

Almost at once he was answered by a
shout,
a shout that all of them uttered
together.

"Land! Land!"

The mist had just dispersed, and the
coast line
was revealed not more than a mile
away.

The boatswain steered straight for
it. The
foresail was set again and swelled out
in the dying
breeze. *

Half an hour later the boat had
grounded on a
sandy beach, and was made fast
behind a long
point of rock, well sheltered from the

surf.